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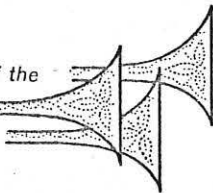
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Mr. Matt Young
Decatur Church of Christ
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Decatur, Georgia

Dear Matt:

Your letter of March 20 and the reactions to my not coming to Atlanta have been extremely helpful. I do not believe that you have exaggerated, or that you have been insensitive to the situation. Your reflections on the whole Atlanta scene have already meant a great deal to me and the Campus Missionary group in our preparations for the Atlanta ministry.

I will concede the argument about the place of the preparation for the degree. I just do not see the other doors opening at this time. I am not so sure but that the pressures at Pepperdine at this time have helped clarify the impossibility of my being able to work out anything viable with Bill and your dad, but that remains to be seen. Please do not place any pressure or make any suggestions to either Bill or your dad regarding my situation. I think I have to see how the Lord leads in this with as little human manipulation as possible.

I think you need to get back to the West Coast and I think you need to make your plans to hit the medical school grind. Your letter itself has some very beautiful "rhetoric" in it. The very fact that Christians ought to be "where the pressure is" is the reason I believe you can go to medical school, you can be an effective Christian in medical school, and you can be a unique Christian witness as a Christian doctor. Your own reasoning, to me, makes it clear that here is an authentic challenge that you can meet and through which God can use you.

The scene in Atlanta may be bad, but even that scene needs dedicated, revolutionary efforts. This is what I hope we can accomplish through college church. It will take tremendous leadership. I may have been looking for a "bed of roses" which doesn't exist anywhere in the country.

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I had a fantastic week-end with Dr. Elton Trueblood. The Quakers have a lot to teach us. The discipline of silence and the "living quietness" are matters that we know nothing about. Dr. Trueblood is the warmest human being I have ever met. It was a real encouragement to be with him. I almost could go to Earlham School of Religion for two years if there was any evidence this was God's will for me--I see none, however.

Let me know how things go and when you plan to fly West.

Your brother,

John Allen Chalk

Radio Evangelist

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